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ANNUAL REPORT

On the Health of

WARE URBAN DISTRICT

For the Year 1956



Report presented by

The Medical Officer of Health and Senior Public Health Inspector,

Ware Urban District.

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Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year 1956.

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EAST HERTFORDSHIRE COMBINED SANITARY DISTRICTS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1956.

WARE URBAN DISTRICT

P R E F A C E.

To the Chairman and Councillors, Ware Urban District,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the Health of the District in 1956. The Report has been drawn up on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Health. Following my Report, is the Report of your Senior Health Inspector.

Cost of Printing the Report.

Because of the high cost of printing the Annual Report each year, the appropriate Committee of the East Hertfordshire Combined Sanitary Districts decided by a majority vote that the Annual Report for 1956 should be produced separately, in stencilled form, for each separate District. Thus my Report for 1956 for East Herts is in seven parts.

So far as I can trace the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the East Hertfordshire Combined Districts has appeared in printed form ever since the Combined Districts were formed late last Century. Furthermore it has, with the exception of the year 1894, appeared as a Combined Districts Report. In 1894 Dr. George Turner, Medical Officer of Health, reported that the Ware Urban Sanitary Authority alone decided to have a separate Report. There is then a gap in my Records, but the next Report in my possession, for the year 1899, shows that Ware Urban District has thought better of its earlier decision and is reported along with the other six Districts.

Let's hope History will repeat itself, and that it will be possible to produce the M.O.H. Annual Report in Combined form once more. I think that a comment made by Dr. George Turner in his Report for 1894 is applicable to the present day position, and I make no apologies for reproducing his remarks:-

"A common report possesses many advantages, since it prevents useless repetition, much of the advice given to any one Sanitary Authority being more or less applicable to all." ". and as the conditions of life are very similar in all the Districts any deviation from the general average should attract attention and lead to enquiry."

Vital Statistics.

The population of Ware has increased by 270 people, entirely due to migrants into the Town. Deaths exceeded births by 23 persons, so that ordinarily one would expect a drop in the total population.

The Standardised Death Rate at 7.56 per 1,000 population compares very favourably with the National Average of 11.7. For the first time the Registrar General has adjusted the Comparability Factor so as to take into account the large number of deaths in persons at Western House who would normally reside in other parts of Hertfordshire or even Essex. In previous years these deaths have been added on to the deaths of Ware Residents, giving the Town an artificially high Death Rate. I drew attention to this fact in last year's Report.

The Birth Rate for Ware is slightly lower than the National Average of 15.7 per 1,000 population.

Notifiable Disease.

1956 was a satisfactory year. Very few infectious diseases occurred and there was a drop in the number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register. 5 cases of Tuberculosis were pronounced cured.

Environmental Hygiene.

Your two Health Inspectors have been fully occupied during the year chiefly in connection with clean food and food premises and meat inspection, as well as with surveys of substandard houses in the Area.

In connection with food inspection no opportunity is lost in reminding management and staff of the fundamental factors of clean handling of food.

Bacteriological Sampling of Ice Cream suffered a setback during the year. Because of an internal reorganisation, the Hertford Group of Hospitals can no longer accept routine samples of ice cream for testing. Formerly, samples of ice cream were tested at the Hertford County Hospital Laboratory. As it is quite impracticable to send regular samples of ice cream to the Public Health Laboratory at either

Luton or Cambridge, no samples have been taken during the year. It is perhaps fortunate that a former manufacturer of ice cream in Ware has ceased business, otherwise regular sampling would have been essential. As it is, most of the ice cream in the Town is of makes of National Repute, already rigorously controlled and sampled at source.

The inability of Hertford County Hospital Laboratory to handle Public Health Specimens also interferes considerably with routine testing of water samples. These now have to be sent to the Cambridge Public Health Laboratory, which needless to say provides a first rate Service. The only inconvenience involved is that someone has to either take the specimens to Cambridge by car, or place them on an appropriate train at Broxbourne, instead of being able to drop them in at the Laboratory in Hertford.

There is a site 'earmarked' for a Public Health Laboratory in Hertford, but I understand that restriction on capital expenditure, aggravated by the more recent Credit Squeeze, has rendered the possibility of a new Public Health Laboratory to serve East Hertfordshire and the surrounding territory, even more unlikely.

In conclusion, Madam and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you, and your two Public Health Inspectors for all the help I have received in Ware during the Year.

J.H. Wildman.
Medical Officer of Health

Hoddesdon June 1957.

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Certificate for Inspectors of Meat and other Foods.
Smoke Inspector's Certificate

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Typing assistance to the Public Health Department was rendered
by Mrs. M.J. Thurgood in the Clerk's Department.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health and Public Works Committee
for the session 1956/57 was Councillor Mr. S.E. Hornsby.

Also on the Committee were Councillors Mrs. A.Z. Relton,
Dr. J.W.E. Fellows, Dr. G.W. May, and Councillors Messrs. F.H. Beazley,
W.G. Clark, A.V. Goldstone, and J.H. Murphy (Vice-Chairman).

S E C T I O N A.

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1956.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1955 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION.

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Ware Urban District

8,870. (8,600).

National Increase or decrease	...	...	-23.
Migration in or out	..	...	+293.
Total Increase or decrease	...	...	+270.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres... 1,343 No Change.

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books;

2,686. (2,583).

Number of Houses per acre.	2	0
Number of Persons per acre.	6	6
Number of Persons per house.	3	3

Rateable Value of District £99,302.

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate. £398.

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VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1956.

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1955 are shown in brackets).

BIRTHS.

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 15.19 (15.22)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.07 (1.07)

Number of Live Births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>Total:</u>	69	57	126
Legitimate:	66	54	120
Illegitimate:	3	3	6
<u>Number of Still Births.</u>	2	1	3

DEATHS.

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 Population. 7.56 (17.81)[⌘]

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.45 (0.77) [⌘]

([⌘] see comment in Preface to Report).

Number of Deaths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>All Ages. - Total:</u>	76	73	149
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u>	0	1	1
No. under 4 weeks of age	0	0	0

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 related Live Births. 7.94 (16.1).

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

BIRTH RATE. 15.7. (15.0). DEATH RATE. 11.7. (11.7).

Infantile Mortality Rate. 23.8 (24.9)

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Disease (Other than Tuberculosis) Notified during the Year

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total</u>	Age Group in Years					
		<u>Under</u> 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	<u>Over</u> 65
Scarlet Fever.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	16	1	5	10	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

Incidence of Infectious Disease by Months:-

Scarlet Fever: August, 1.

Whooping Cough: August, 3. November, 12. December, 1.

Puerperal Pyrexia. August, 1.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

Prevention of Illness - Poliomyelitis Innoculations.

The Hertfordshire County Council carried out a series of innoculations against Poliomyelitis during the year.

Tuberculosis Notifications during 1956:-

The year commenced with 66 names upon the Register, as follows:-

Males: Pulmonary 30, Non-Pulmonary 6
Females: Pulmonary 21, Non-Pulmonary 9

One New Case was notified for the first time (Male:Pulmonary); One Male Pulmonary and 2 Female Pulmonary cases moved into the Area. One Male Pulmonary case died; one Male Pulmonary case left the district; and 5 cases were cured (1 Male Pulmonary: 1 Male Non-Pulmonary: 3 Female Non-Pulmonary cases).

At the end of 1956 the following cases remained upon the Register:-

Males: Pulmonary 29, Non-Pulmonary 5.
Females: Pulmonary 23, Non-Pulmonary 6.

Total: 63 Cases.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1956.

<u>Line No.</u>		M.	F.
	ALL CAUSES	76	73
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory .	1	0
2	Tuberculosis, other .	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease...	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0
5	Whooping Cough.	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections...	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis..	0	0
8	Measles... ..	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease..	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	3	0
11	" " lung,bronchus ...	3	1
12	" " breast. ...	0	3
13	" " uterus. ...	0	5
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	6
15	Leukæmia, aleukæmia ...	0	0
16	Diabetes	0	1
17	Vascular Lesions of nervous system ...	14	14
18	Coronary disease, angina...	10	6
19	Hypertension with heart disease..	1	4
20	Other heart disease... ..	12	13
21	Other circulatory disease..	7	1
22	Influenza	0	0
23	Pneumonia	1	6
24	Bronchitis	6	5
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	0
26	Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ...	1	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa ...	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis ...	0	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortions ...	0	0
31	Congenital malformations... ..	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	5	6
33	Motor vehicle accidents ...	0	0
34	All other accidents... ..	0	1
35	Suicide	0	0
36	Homicide and operations of war...	0	0
(a)	Still Births	2	1
(b)	Deaths of infants under four weeks of age ...	0	0
(c)	" " " four weeks to one year of age.	0	1

CAUSES OF DEATH - Comment.

Diseases of the Heart and Circulation caused 82 out of the total of 149 deaths. This is just over 55% of the total. This sort of percentage is not an uncommon finding. However, it is considered that many diseases of the heart and circulation are PREVENTABLE. Overweight contributes to this group of diseases by causing the heart and circulation to work under difficulties.

Cancer caused 32 deaths, and there were only 19 deaths arising from respiratory illnesses.

There was 1 death in a child under the age of 1 year.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR WARE.

LABORATORY SERVICE.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge. The next nearest Laboratories are at Luton or the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale.

In emergency, certain (Medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES.

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, are available for Ware. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Number of Nurses: 3. Welfare Centre: 1.

Vaccinations, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations.

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centre will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 27 Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone: Hertford 3232).

A charge may be made for this Service, in accordance with the County Council's Assessment scale.

Care and After Care.

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. A Medical Loan Depot has been established in the Town. Address available at Council Offices.

A charge may be made for both the above Services.

Ambulance Service

An Ambulance Station adjoins the Priory Grounds, Telephone Ware 441. Except in emergency an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner

Day Nursery.

There is a Day Nursery at Bowling Road, Ware.

Mental Health.

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Duly Authorised Officer, Mr. W.T. MEDHURST, Collett Road, Ware Herts. (Tel:- Ware 541).

Help in respect of Mentally Defective persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

An Occupation Centre for defective children has been established in Hertford.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Ware is served chiefly by the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford.

Chronic Sick can receive hospital treatment at Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware.

These beds are managed by the Hertford Group Hospital Management Committee, within the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

Western House also provides beds under part III of the National Assistance Act. 1948 on behalf of the County Council.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES.

Six doctors practise in Ware. Some doctors from Hertford and Hoddesdon also have patients in Ware.

DENTAL SERVICE.

One dentist resides and practises in Ware.

OTHER SERVICES.

There is a Mortuary managed by the Council.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions are held at The Priory.

There is a very active Old People's Welfare Service in Ware.

S E C T I O N C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA -

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

For the Year 1956.

The Priory,
Ware, Herts.

June, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of the
WARE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting my twenty-first
Annual Report.

The rodent report covers the financial year ending
31.3.57; the remainder deals with the calendar year. At
the end of March 1957 Mr. A. Baker, Rodent Operative, tendered
his resignation on health grounds.

I am indebted to the Council's Surveyor for information
regarding water supply, drainage and sewerage, refuse disposal,
swimming pool and the table on Housing Progress page. 27.

I have to thank the Chairman and members of the
Public Health Committee for their continued support.

I am,
Your obedient Servant.


Senior Public Health Inspector.

Water Supply.

Most of the town is supplied from two wells sunk in chalk, one at Musley Lane, and the other at Musley Hill, the former being the main source of supply. The Highfields area, however, is supplied by the Metropolitan Water Board. All these supplies are chlorinated.

During the year extensions have been made to private watermains on new housing estates.

New plant is being installed at Scotts Road Booster Station.

Quality.

Twenty-four routine samples of town water were taken for bacteriological examination, and showed B.Coli absent in 100 ml. in each case.

The result of chemical analysis of samples taken on 14th August, 1956 from both the Musley Lane (Tower Supply) and Musley Hill (Reservoir Supply) is as follows:-

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.	Tower Supply	Reservoir Supply.
Appearance	Very faint opalescence with a very slight deposit of mineral debris.	
Turbidity	Less than 3	Less than 3
Colour	Nil	Nil
Odour	Nil	Nil
Reaction pH	7.3	7.3
Free Carbon Dioxide... ..	36	34
Electric Conductivity.	625	610
Total Solids	450	440
Chlorine as Chlorides.	25	24
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	265	260
Hardness;		
Carbonate	265	260
Non-carbonate	80	80
Total.... ..	345	340
Nitrogen in Nitrates..	6.2	6.2
Nitrogen in Nitrites..	Less than 0.01	Less than 0.01
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.000	0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.000	0.000
Oxygen Absorbed	0.45	0.45
Residual Chlorine	Absent	Absent
Metals.	Absent	Absent

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from metals. The water is very hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. Its organic quality is of a high standard.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year sewers have been extended to cover new housing development, and the main outfall sewer has been diverted into the trunk sewer near Easneye Lodge. Marsh Lane Pumping Station will be abandoned as soon as drainage facilities have been constructed for the two properties which are at present still connected to the Pumping Station.

It is intended that the existing sewer in Amwell End will shortly be re-constructed to connect into the trunk sewer near the level crossing.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Tipping is now taking place at Crane Mead site. The old tip at Broadmead off Amwell End has been sealed in and will eventually revert to agricultural use.

Swimming Bath.

Four bacteriological samples taken during the season were reported as satisfactory.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT. 1936.

A nuisance due to the overflow of sewage from the drains of a nursing home was abated during the year following the service of a statutory notice in 1955.

A similar nuisance at farm premises and a residential nursery were abated by the provision of fresh sub-soil drainage channels and repairs to drains pending a connection to the sewer as approved by the Council.

Complaints were received regarding nuisances from trade processes and in most cases these proved to be intermittent. In the case of dust, repairs to extractor filters remedied the nuisance.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 - 54.

At the beginning of the year there were 46 houses recorded as unfit. Two houses were classified as totally unfit during the year.

The progress with slum housing is summarised in the tables attached.

Twenty nine unfit houses have or are being dealt with by clearance procedure. There are fifteen undertakings not to relet, and three closing orders operative. The demolition of one unfit house was commenced at the end of the year after informal action.

During the year three houses in West Street (Clearance Area) were demolished. This leaves twenty six houses in clearance areas of which eight are occupied, and seven were in the process of demolition at the end of the year.

THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955.

An unsatisfactory cafe' in a prominent position in the town was closed in July 1956. This was brought about through representations to the owner and occupier that the accommodation provided was unhygienic and unattractive. Owing to the many inherent defects including restricted site and the nature and age of the property, structural alterations and general improvements would have been costly and some impossible to effect.

† It is very difficult to adapt some of the old buildings to comply with all the requirements of the regulations.

A considerable improvement in general cleanliness followed a warning letter sent to a large bakery undertaking about a filthy bread store and dirty delivery vans. Attention of another wholesale bakery was directed to dirty delivery vans.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION.

During the year a 'Hog Master' dehairing machine was installed. Since the new bleeding hoist and rail were installed there has been a great improvement in the appearance of pig offals. With the installation of a 'Freon' chiller, carcasses have a superior bloom and fly blows have been greatly reduced. An offal cold store has also been fitted. This minimises spoilage and ensures improved marketability.

† Adequate food and water for animals awaiting slaughter is provided, including non-working days.

Cysticercus bovis was found in 17 cattle, including cows. In each instance a single cyst only was found in the heart muscle. Each cyst showed some evidence of degenerative change.

FOOD PREMISES - EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY.

Every opportunity is taken to remind management and staff of the fundamental factors of clean handling of food.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD.

Condemned meat and offals are disposed of through the same trade channels used by the Ministry of Food. Some meat is permitted to be used for animal food when the circumstances are considered appropriate.

Small quantities of food stuffs, largely tinned, are buried on the Council's refuse tip.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS 1947 - 1952.

The former ice cream factory has been re-equipped with new cold stores and is now a wholesaler's depot. One small manufacturer continues in business.

Checks are made of storage temperatures. Owing to investigation of one complaint of shrinkage, a firm of national repute discovered a fault in one of their delivery vans.

SAMPLING.

Now that the Hertford County Hospital is unable to undertake the examination of routine public health specimens, it is impracticable to deliver routine samples of ice cream and milk to the nearest laboratories at Cambridge and Luton. No samples have been taken during the year.

STATISTICAL RECORDS.

1956.

SUMMARY OF VISITS.

NUMBER.

Sewers and drains.	160
Sanitary accommodation and fittings.	81
Nuisances; House defects.	57
" Animals.	17
" Offensive accumulations.	22
" Fly nuisances.	22
" Filthy & verminous premises and articles.	69
" Dust and effluvia.	21
" Dangerous structures	8
" Tents vans and sheds.	3
" smoke nuisances.	18
" Dustbins.	5
" Watercourses.	3
" Public Conveniences.	10
" Sundry	7
Music and Dancing Licences.	7
Hairdressers and Barbers.	4
Housing; Recorded inspections.	22
" Improvements and repairs.	50
" Reinspections.	41
" Closing Orders.	3
" Overcrowding.	16
" Applications.	1
Food Hygiene Regs. & Clean Food Byelaws.	98
Food Condemnations.	19
Food Poisoning.	1
Slaughterhouse: Inspection of meat.	788
Ware Market.	14
Meat Transport.	20
Bread Vans.	18
Ice Cream.	17
Milk and Dairies.	9
Rats and Mice.	62
Factories.	33
Other premises under Factories Acts.	15

1,741

Complaints received.

General

130

Rats and Mice.

34

164

NOTICES ETC. SERVED.

INFORMAL NOTICES.

Public Health Act. 1936.	53.
Food & Drugs Acts & Regulations.	18.
Housing Act. 1936.	11.
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act. 1949.	22.
Shops Act.	1.
Total.	<u>105</u>

STATUTORY NOTICES.

Public Health Act. 1936 Section 89.	1
Housing Act. 1936 Section 9.	1

Pet Shops Licensed.	1
Caravans Licensed.	1

HOUSING ACTS.

OVERCROWDING.

	<u>Privately owned.</u>	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number of overcrowded houses brought forward at 1.1.56.	2	4	6
New Cases of overcrowding discovered during 1956.	4	1	5
Number of cases abated.	6	1	7
Number of overcrowded houses at 31.12.56.	-	4	4

INFORMATION UNDER ARTICLE 31 OF THE HOUSING CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS.

1925.

1.	The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation;	17
2.	The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their officers:	24
3.	The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:- (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works. or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders:	1 5
4.	The number of notices served requiring the execution of works.	1
5.	The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices;	2
6.	The number of demolition or closing orders made;	1
7.	The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under subsection (3) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936.	2
8.	The number of houses demolished.	3

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE.

RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

A. Houses Demolished.

In Clearance Areas. (Housing Act, 1936 & Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)	Houses Demolished.	Persons Displaced	Families.
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation.	3	25	10
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under S. 27 Housing Act, 1936.	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas.			
(4) As a result of Formal or informal procedure under S. 11 Housing Act, 1936.	-	-	-

B.	<u>Unfit Houses Closed.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Persons displaced.</u>	<u>Families.</u>
(5)	Under Sec. 11 Housing Act. 1936 & Sec. 10(1) and 11(2) Loc. Govt. (Misc. Prov) Act. 1953.. ..	3	12	3
(6)	Under Sec. 3(1) and 3(2) Housing Act. 1949.	-	-	-
(7)	Parts of Buildings closed under Section 12 Housing Act. 1936.. ..	1	4	2

C.	<u>Unfit houses made fit.</u>	<u>by owner</u>	<u>by Loc. Auth.</u>
(8)	After informal action by Local Authority,, ..	62	
(9)	After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts. (b) Housing Act. 1936.	2 NIL	NIL NIL
(10)	Under Sec. 5. Housing Repairs and Rents Act. 1954..	NIL	

D. Unfit houses in Temporary Use (Housing Repairs and Rents Act. 1954.

Position at end of quarter.	Number of Houses.	No. of separate Dwellings contained in Col 1.
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) under Section 2.	NIL	NIL
(b) under Section 3.	NIL	NIL
(c) under Section 4.	NIL	NIL
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation under section 6.	2	

ANALYSIS OF UNFIT HOUSES.

Clearance Areas.

Clearance Area No.	Address.	Declared.	Occupation	Demolition
13	6 Amwell End.	16.10.35	Vacant.	Commenced.
13	8 Amwell End.	16.10.35.	Vacant.	Commenced.
13	10 Amwell End.	16.10.35.	Vacant.	Commenced.
13	12 Amwell End.	16.10.35.	Vacant.	Commenced.
18	28 Church St.	1939	Occupied.	
18	29 Church St.	1939	Occupied.	
18	30 Church St.	1939	Occupied.	
18	31 Church St.	1939	Occupied.	
18	32 Church St.	1939	Vacant.	
20	30 London Rd.	20.12.54.	Vacant.	
20	32 London Rd.	20.12.54.	Vacant.	
20	and workshop	20.12.54.	Vacant.	
21	22 The Bourne.	6.7.55.	Vacant.	
21	24 The Bourne.	6.7.55.	Vacant.	
21	26 The Bourne.	6.7.55.	Vacant.	
21	28 The Bourne.	6.7.55.	Vacant.	
21	30 The Bourne.	6.7.55.	Vacant.	
21	32 The Bourne.	6.7.55.	Occupied	
22	2 The Bourne.	23.5.55.	Vacant.	
22	4 The Bourne.	23.5.55.	Vacant.	
22	6 The Bourne.	23.5.55.	Occupied.	
22.	8 The Bourne.	23.5.55.	Vacant.	
23	18 West St.	27.6.55.		Demolished'56
23	19 West St.	27.6.55.		Demolished'56
23	20 West St.	27.6.55.		Demolished'56
24	46 Baldock St.	3.8.55	Vacant.	Commenced
24	48 Baldock St.	3.8.55	Vacant.	Commenced
24	50 Baldock St.	3.8.55.	Vacant.	Commenced.
25	7 Crane Mead.	31.12.56.	Occupied.	
25	8 Crane Mead.	31.12.56.	Occupied.	

Individual Unfit Houses.

Address.	Reference to		Occupation.
	Closing Order	Undertaking	
32 Baldock St.		25.4.55.	Vacant.
34 Baldock St.		12.4.55.	Vacant.
36 Baldock St.		28.3.55.	Occupied, shop also.
1 Monkey Row.		31.3.55.	Occupied.
2 Monkey Row.		12.4.55.	Vacant.
5 Monkey Row.		12.4.55.	Occupied.
57 Watton Road.		17.10.34.	Boot repairs only.
1 Eagle Yard.		27.11.35.	
8 Crib Street.		20.10.37.	Licensed Occup.
17 West Street.		19.8.38.	Vacant. Fruit store.
106/8. High Street.		18.11.53.	Radio repairs only.
34/6. Crib Street.		31.3.55.	Vacant, one house
22 Crib Street.		26.9.55.	occupied.
40 London Road.		20.6.55.	occupied.
44 London Rd.		20.6.55.	occupied.
32 Crib Street.	7.9.55.		Vacant.
15 West Street.	7.9.55.		Vacant.
16 West Street.	7.9.55.		Vacant.
36 Clements St.	Informal action		Vacant, demolition commenced.

HOUSING PROGRESS.

NEW HOUSING BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

During 1956.

New dwellings erected	42
Conversions or adaptations in terms of family units.....	Nil.

BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

New dwellings erected.	94
Conversions or adaptations in terms of family units.....	Nil.

BY OTHER AUTHORITIES.

(County Council, Police etc).	Nil.
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TOTAL PROPERTIES CONTROLLED BY THE COUNCIL.

Council Houses	961
Temporary prefabricated bungalows	13
Sundries (including shops)	12

FOOD PREMISES.

<u>Type of Food Business.</u>	<u>No.</u>
Grocers.	24
Greengrocers.	10
Butchers.	8
Slaughterhouse & Wholesale Meat Supplies.	1
Bakers and Bakehouses.	4
Sweets.	13
Chemists, pharmaceutical	3
Fishmongers.	2
Fried Fish.	3
Factories.	4
Restaurants.	8
Canteens.	9
Dairies.	3
Wholesalers.	3
Poultry (Producer and Dresser - Wholesale).	1
	<u>96</u>

Registered Food Premises.

Under S.16 of F & D Act. 1955 and

Milk & Daires Regulations 1949-1954.

Sale of Ice Cream.	23
Manufacture and sale of Ice Cream.	1
Storage and Distribution of Ice Cream & Frozen Products.	2
Manufacture and sale of Jam.	1
Preparation or manufacture of sausages.	9
Dairies.	3
Number of Inspections of registered premises.	42

CARCASES INSPECTED AND AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excl Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed during 1956.	2,063	288	900	1,954	18,422
Number killed during 1955.	777	317	561	1,215	9,386
Number inspected during 1956.	2,061	288	900	1,950	18,353
Number inspected during 1955.	776	316	546	1,215	9,261
All diseases except Tuberculosis, Whole carcasses condemned.	1	3	2	-	20
% of the number inspected totally condemned.	0.05	1.04	0.22	-	0.11
Tuberculosis only, Whole Carcasses condemned.	-	2	-	-	1
% of the number inspected totally condemned.	-	0.69	-	-	0.01
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	17	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

Total Weight of Meat Condemned in lbs.

<u>Home Killed.</u>	<u>Beef.</u>	<u>Mutton</u>	<u>Pork</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Diseased.	16,541.	287	16,808	33,636.
Decomposition.	58	-	210	268.

Weight of Carcase Meat Condemned in lbs.

<u>Beef.</u>	<u>Veal.</u>	<u>Mutton.</u>	<u>Pork.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
4,017.	75	15	6,397	10,504.

OTHER FOODS.

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered:-

	<u>No. of Containers.</u>	<u>Approx. Weight in lbs.</u>
Tinned foods.	94	107
Tinned meat.	34	125
Cheese.	-	30
Chickens.	51	160
Bacon.	-	13
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Number of condemnation notes issued 101

TYPE OF PROPERTY.

	Non-Agricultural.				Agricult- ural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All others incl. Business	TOTAL	
I No. of properties in District.	15	2,645	405	3,065	21
II No. of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification.	-	25	8	33	-
(b) Survey under the Act.	15	1,681	113	1,809	5
(c) Otherwise.	-	18	30	48	5
III Total inspections carried out incl. re-inspections.	162	3,605	390	4,157	6
IV No. of properties inspected infested by:					
(a) RATS	-	-	1	1	-
(b) MICE					
(a) RATS	10	134	25	169	-
(b) MICE	-	-	1	1	-
(c) MICE	-	40	10	50	-
V No. of infested properties treated by L.A.	10	172	18	200	-
VII No. of notices served under Sect. 4 of the ACT.	NIL.				
VIII No of cases in which default action taken.	NIL.				
IX Legal Proceedings.	No Legal proceedings were necessary during the year.				
X. No of 'Block' Control Schemes carried out.	3 areas.				

S E C T I O N D.

FACTORIES ACTS. 1937 and 1948.

The following is a summary of information already supplied in detail to the Ministry of Labour and National Service on Form 572 (Revised), in respect of the year 1956.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Factories without Mechanical Power:

Number on Register	...	...	11
Inspections	...	...	6

Factories with Mechanical Power:

Number on Register	...	...	74
Inspections	...	...	27
Written Notices.	...	...	2

Other Premises under the Act:

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworker's Premises).

Number on Register	...	...	28
Inspections	...	...	15
Written Notices.	...	...	1

2. Cases in which Defects were Found.

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>
Want of Cleanliness.	3	3
Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective	5	4
Total Defects referred to H.M. Inspector	...	NIL.
" " " by " "	...	NIL.

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK. (Sections 110 and 111) NIL.